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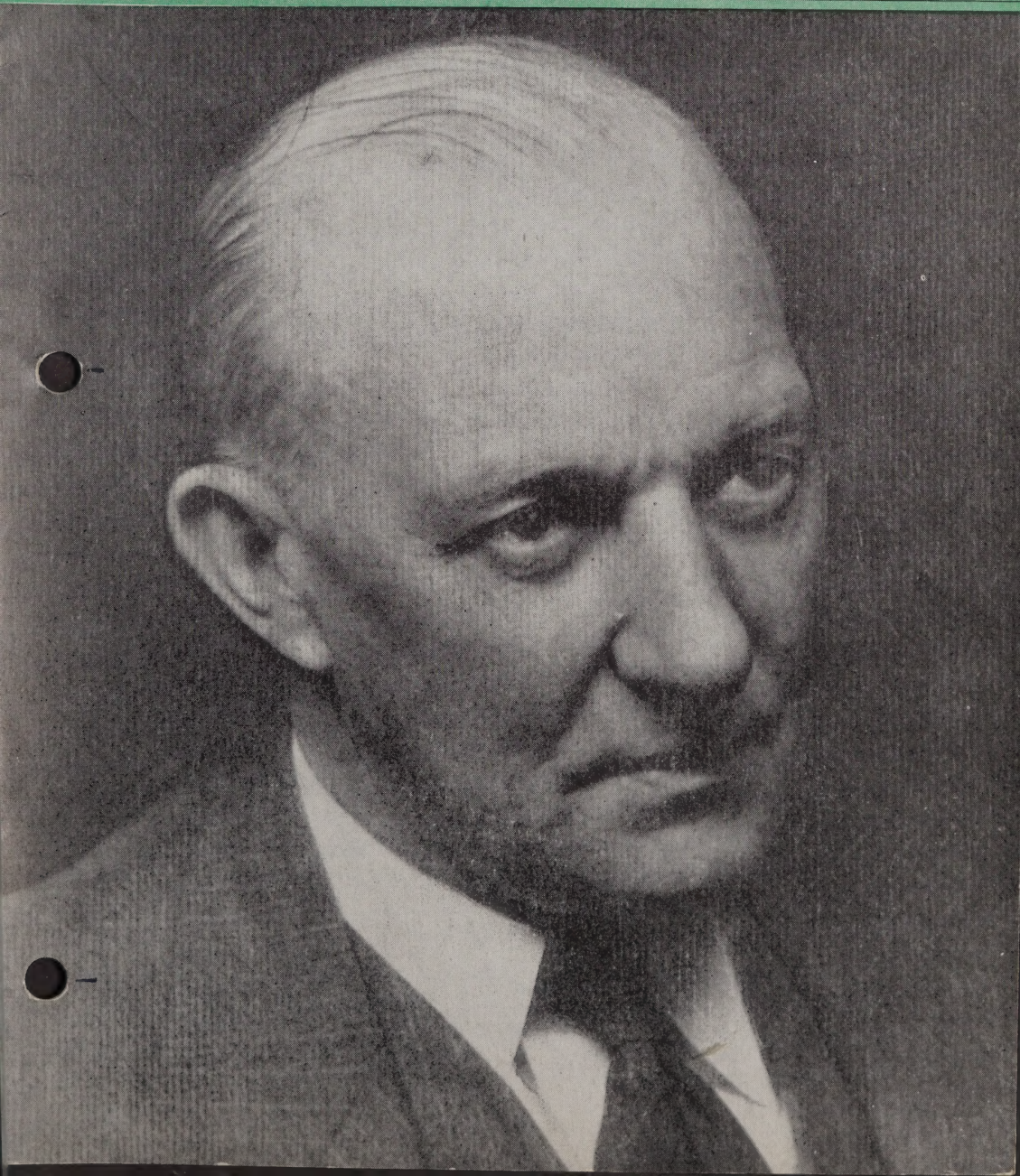


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Hippocrates

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EDITORIALS

SUMA CUM LAUDE

During the year just past Hampden District scored another impressive list of notable achievements. As examples one need but mention the establishment of Society headquarters; the revision of By-laws; the Indoctrination Dinner-Meeting; the Gallupe Conferences, and the creation of the Disaster Medical Care and the Medico-Religious Committees. Chief honors go to our indefatigable committees, but due credit must be given also to our officers, and especially to our retiring President, Dr. Palermo. Without doubt Al will go down in history as one of the ablest and most conscientious leaders Hampden has ever had. It is fortunate for all of us that he will continue to serve, albeit in a different capacity, namely as Public Relations Councilor.

The slate of officers elected at the annual meeting demonstrates again the wisdom and good fortune of our Society. Secretary Smith has proved himself very capable in his first year in office, and it is good to have him continue in the same capacity. Dr. Brown, who for several years has been the keeper of the keys, has been relieved of his job at his own insistence. The treasurer's office now goes to past-president John A. Burke, who can be counted on to do justice to this office as he has to the several others he held in the past.

As to Jerome Whitney and Ralph Miller, our President and Vice-President respectively, we need have no qualms whatever. Their wide experience in

Society affairs and their dedicated service in a variety of capacities, hold forth promise of yet another year of fruitful activity on the part of our District Society.

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THE PHYSICIAN AND THE AGED

Physicians are often accused of a disinterest in medical care for the aged simply because of their opposition to Forand-type legislation, legislation which would finance such care through the Social Security System. Our opposition is well grounded. It is based on the well-known weaknesses of government medicine; the introduction of a third party into the confidential physician-patient relationship; the compulsory aspects of this program; the inclusion of the well-to-do as beneficiaries merely because they happen to be on the Social Security rolls; the exclusion of the poor and the indigent who so often are not on the Social Security rolls; and finally the bureaucratic control of medicine from Washington.

The last administration answered these objections with the Kerr-Mills Act, signed into law on September 13, 1960, and now known as PL 86-778. This law has been strongly supported by the AMA and the Massachusetts Medical Society as a highly satisfactory solution of the problem of medical care for the aged minus the serious objections of the Forand Bill. It is title VI of this law that is of special interest to us. It provides for medical care of persons over 65 who need help and are not on Old Age Assistance. The law provides only a minimum level, and the individual states may implement the law with some institutional or non-institutional care without limit. Federal contribution to a state is based on a complicated formula that takes into account the per capita income and average amounts spent on Old Age Assistance. The only limitation on federal contributions is the amount the state is willing to appropriate for the program.

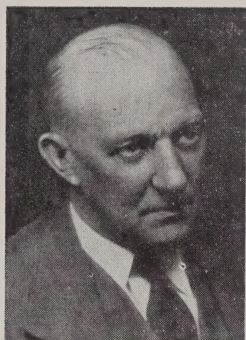
Massachusetts has implemented this law under Chapter 781 of the Acts of 1960. This provides that Massachusetts residents over 65 with monthly incomes under \$150 for unmarried persons or married men, or \$225 for husbands and wife combined may receive certain benefits. Total assets of no more than \$2,000 are allowed an unmarried person or husband, and a wife is allowed \$3,000 if jointly owned by her husband. These benefits include payment, of part or all, if in-patient hospital ward services, public medical institution services, nursing home services, physician services, out-patient hospital services, nursing services, physical therapy services, prescribed drugs, eyeglasses, dentures, prosthetic devices, dental services, home care services, laboratory and x-ray services, and certain diagnostic services.

Local control is assured by placing the administration of the law in the hands of the Board of Public Welfare in each town. Within certain income restrictions, children are liable for the support of their parents.

Before we plunge into new experiments with compulsory government medicine, we should give the Kerr Mills law, only recently passed at the closing session of the last Congress, a good trial. It is organized medicine's answer to the problem of medical assistance to the aged, and deserves the whole-hearted support of all of us.

H.B.T.

President's Page



INAUGURAL REMARKS

The physician, like our country, is on the defensive.

The heritage of over two hundred years is being belittled at a time when doctors not dollars alone have accomplished near-miracles in the conquest of disease.

A materialistic hedonism that has encouraged a "dog eat dog" philosophy in the world in general, can not tolerate the display of the altruistic ideals and example presented by the physician.

The appeals of the clergy they can ignore, but sooner or later they must lose face and reluctantly seek the compassion, the comfort and the healing of the physician. In their last hours, they want no technical employee. They do want and obtain an understanding friend and comrade—their doctor.

With his patients no physical task is beneath his dignity. He listens without judging, teaches and counsels. He modestly shares success with his patient and secretly suffers in adversity.

He, with his fellows, accept responsibility for the health of the community and serves its government and many agencies.

He shares his knowledge with other physicians the world over—no secret remedies, no patents. He teaches students, younger doctors and cares for the medically indigent without charge.

At the beck and call of hospitals and patients at any hour, his evening family life is interrupted at meals, social functions, and by study, reports and medical meetings (often four or five a week).

Small wonder that pleasure loving youth is decreasingly interested in spending ten to twelve years of expensive arduous schooling when other sciences provide more leisure and a greater financial future.

It takes a certain type of person to be a doctor and being one increases his love to his fellow man. He can be trusted and is trusting.

He is an individualist.

Making of him a government employee, or a carrier of a union card would jeopardize one of the most beautiful relationships that exists among men.

Present medical care is the best ever and still improving.

We challenge others to measure up to our high standards of which we can be justly proud.

Jerome A. Whitney, M.D.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

April 25, 1961

Your Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the year 1961-1962:

<i>President:</i>	Jerome A. Whitney
<i>Vice-President & President-Elect:</i>	Ralph T. Miller
<i>Secretary:</i>	Ray T. Smith
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Allen S. Johnson	Joseph Rini
Howard P. Kennedy	H. Bernard Tillman

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Alfonso A. Palermo

Legislative Councilor:

Robert W. Emery

Nominating Councilor:

Thomas F. Reilly

Alternate:

Ralph T. Miller

Representative to State Committee on Tax Supported Medical Care

Harry L. Roberts

Nomination for General Practitioner of the Year

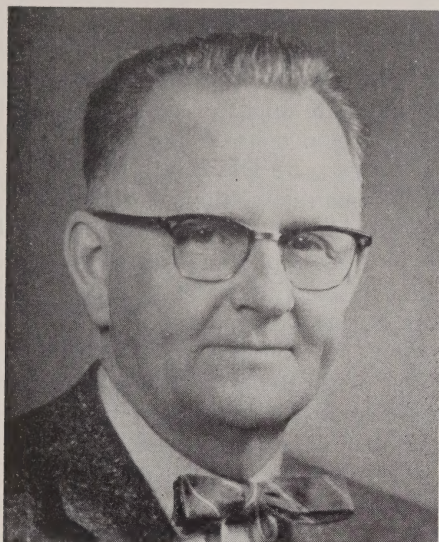
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Executive Committee and Grievance Committee

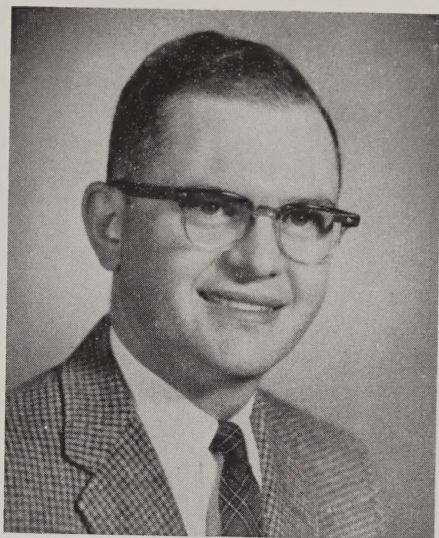
John J. Bandeian (for 3 years)	John W. Turner (for 3 years)
Frank G. Mills (for 1 year to fill unexpired term of Ralph T. Miller)	Respectfully submitted,
	Edward Katz, Chairman

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

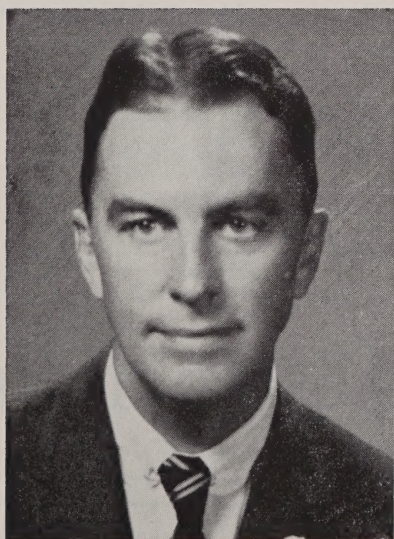
A pre-council meeting was held Thursday, April 20, 1961, 6 p.m., at the Springfield Hospital with Dr. Allen Johnson, Executive Councilor, presiding. The following councilors were in attendance: Drs. Bagg, Baker, Emery, Gillis, Hayes, Izenstein, Miller, Millman, O'Malley, Palermo, Potsubay, Reilly, Smith and Tillman.



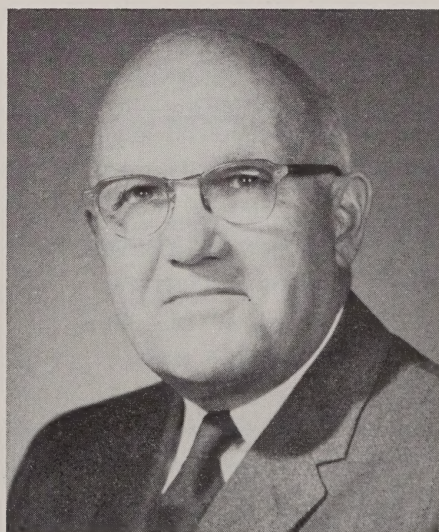
Dr. Ralph T. Miller
Vice-President and
President-elect



Dr. Ray T. Smith
Secretary



Dr. John A. Burke
Treasurer



Dr. Harry L. Roberts
Hampden's Choice for G.P. of the Year

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING (April 25, 1961)

Meeting is held at Storowton . . . 200 are in attendance against 241 reservations . . . Meeting is called to order by President Palermo at 8:20 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting are read and accepted . . .

President Palermo announces death of 10 members since last annual meeting and calls for a moment of silent prayer in their memory . . . He calls attention to the new Publicity Guide which is due to replace the Publicity Code of M.M.S.

Dr. Millman reports for By-laws Committee, Section 1, Chapter VII, dealing with reorganization of Executive Committee is disapproved. New revision of By-laws is then approved as amended . . . In the absence of Dr. Platt, report of the Relative Value Committee is presented by Dr. O'Malley . . . Motion to approve the Relative Value system outlined in brochure previously mailed to membership is approved. The motion reads: " . . . that this system be accepted for use as a guide to fee on a voluntary basis, subject to revocation at any time the District so chooses" . . . Dr. Brown

reports for New Headquarters Committee (see page 19) . . . Dr. Emery reports for Legislative Committee urging membership to ask their legislators to oppose a bill which would allow chiropractors to prescribe harmful drugs . . . Dr. Leani reports for the Woman's Auxiliary Committee . . . In the absence of Drs. Kendrew and Roberts the reports of the Medico-Religious Committee and Committee on Tax Supported Medical Care, are presented . . . Dr. Brown presents the Treasurer's Report showing a slight increase in balance. His recommendation that dues be increased to \$25.00 plus \$10.00 as Headquarters assessment is approved . . . Dr. Katz presents report of Nominating Committee . . . Entire slate is approved unanimously (page 4).

President-elect Whitney is introduced. After a few pertinent remarks he presents his committees for the coming year (page 14)* . . . Meeting adjourns 9:45 . . .

* For Dr. Whitney's Inaugural Message see page 3.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The April 20 meeting was called to order by President Palermo with the following members present: Brown, Burke, Miller, Smith, Corcoran, Kennedy, Whitney, Pfeiffer, Klibanoff and Burkhart.

The Committee voted the Relative Value Study Committee \$300 for expenses.

The Committee voted to approve approximately \$3600 for expenses for the new office which should be finished about May 1, at which time Dr. Whitney has been authorized to hire a secretary on a temporary basis. If the arrangement proves satisfactory to the new secretary and the Society, the secretary will be hired on a permanent basis.

The National Casualty Company has stated that unless it attains a specified percentage of enrollment of members of this society, it shall have to cancel the policies of present enrollees. It was authorized to canvass the membership.

A letter from Everett Spencer, Publicity Director of the MMS asked that members write Representatives

and Senators regarding voting on a House bill allowing chiropodists to prescribe harmful drugs.

It was voted to accept the transfer of Dr. Kenneth L. Collard from Hampshire to Hampden district. Dr. Palermo then introduced Mr. John F. Kizer, Field Service Director of the American Medical Association for the New England Area, who spoke at length on the Kerr-Mills bill, the Forand bill and the King-Anderson bill. He pointed out also that the Social Security system is actuarially unsound as shown by an article which appeared in the April issue of the JAMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray T. Smith, M. D.
Secretary



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In Memoriam

Royce L. Brown, M. D.

1923 - 1961

Dr. Royce L. Brown of Longmeadow died on April 5, 1961 at the Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Royce L. Brown was born in Norfolk, Va., on July 14, 1923. After an early education in Norfolk schools, he graduated from the University of Virginia and its Medical School. He served his internship at the Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and did postgraduate work at the New York University Medical School. Prior to his coming to Springfield, Dr. Brown served as a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

For the past eight years, Dr. Brown had been practicing in this area. He was an obstetrician and gynecologist on the staffs of the Mercy, Wesson Memorial, Wesson Maternity, and Springfield Hospitals. He was a member of the American Medical Association, The Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Hampden District Medical Society. Dr. Brown was also a veteran of World War II.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family and associates.

Joseph M. Kochanek, M. D.

1911 - 1961

Dr. Joseph M. Kochanek of Ludlow, Mass. died on April 12, 1961 in the Ludlow Hospital.

Dr. Kochanek was born in Springfield, Mass. in 1911. After attending the public schools of Springfield, he went on to the University of Chicago and graduated from the Rush Medical School in Chicago, Illinois in 1937. After serving his internship at the Springfield Hospital, Springfield, Mass., Dr. Kochanek entered into practice in this area, served on the medical staff of the Ludlow Hospital and was formerly Chief of Staff at that hospital.

Dr. Kochanek was a member of the American Medical Association, the Mass. Medical Society, and the Hampden District Medical Society. He also served in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family and to his many friends and associates.

ATTEND THE
180th ANNUAL MEETING
of the
MASS. MEDICAL SOCIETY

TIME: Mon. Tue. Wed.
May 22, 23, and 24

PLACE: Statler Hilton Hotel
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AGENDA: Annual Meeting
Clinical Lectures & Panels
Section Meetings
& Luncheons
Physician-Lawyer Relations
Annual Discourse
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ANNUAL DINNER: Wed. May 24, 7 p.m.

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COMMITTEES 1961-62

At the Annual Meeting held on April 25, 1961, I had the pleasure of appointing the Committees listed below.

Chairmen of newly appointed committees are requested to poll their members as to suggested projects for the coming year, and make appropriate assignments of responsibility.

This will allow assignees to concentrate their attention during the summer months to the betterment of the committee meetings, the Society and the community.

A prompt report of your efforts to the Executive Committee will make our calling you unnecessary.

Let's get off to a good early start.

Your President, as an Ex-officio Member of your committees, will expect to be notified of proposed meetings.

Jerome A. Whitney, M. D.

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 James W. S. Hartshorn '65

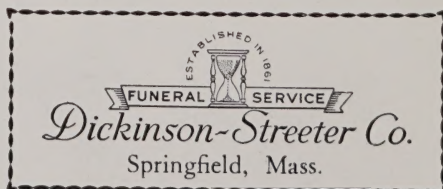
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Roland N. Tessier
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New Headquarters Committee

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Malcolm S. Allan
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AUXILIARY DOINGS

I think the last two months of the Auxiliary's 1960-1961 year were most exciting!

Doctors' Day. Having nine doctors who have been in practice 50 years was a very satisfying experience. Tying the idea of A.M.E.F. with Doctors' Day has great possibilities! It gave us a chance to acquaint the public with the American Medical Educational Foundation—and it did! We honored the 50 year practitioners by making a contribution to the A.M.E.F. in each of their names and thus boosted to \$168.00 our total contribution for the A.M.E.F. The honored elder doctors were thrilled—and so was the committee! Members of the Auxiliary pinned 300 red carnations on the lapels of doctors at hospitals in Holyoke, Springfield, Ware, Palmer and Westfield. We received excellent publicity and even made the front page in the Palmer paper!

Health Care Recruitment was publicized differently this year. All activities and information about paramedical health careers was concentrated in the Providence Hospital Auditorium, and the week of April 17th was designated as "Health Career Week". Auxiliary members made personal appearances at all the High Schools to stimulate interest in Health Careers and they personally extended the invitation to High School girls and boys to meet on April 21 at the Providence Hospital Auditorium. A very enlightening program—consisting of 10 exhibitors and addresses by leaders in Health Careers were heard. Refreshments were served.

Nominating chairman turned in an excellent slate of new officers, and it looks like a wonderful year ahead for

the Auxiliary!

President, Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo of Longmeadow; President-Elect, Mrs. J. W. S. Hartshorn, Jr. of Springfield; Recording Secretary Mrs. John Maloney of Springfield; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Roger Dudis of Holyoke; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Caruso of Longmeadow, and Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Anton of Palmer.

Ten new members have joined the Auxiliary and on file are 2 min. biographies of each member—"better to know you—my dear!")

Our new leatherette bound Necrology Book entitled "In Remembrance" has come back from the printers. Unfortunately, and with sympathy to Dr. Frederick Moore, his wife Mrs. Alice (McGowan) Moore was the first name enscribed.

Our final *Annual Luncheon Meeting* on April 25 at the Springfield Country Club was a "full house". The program had interest, appeal, and "Spirit" as Mr. De Santis from the Taylor Wine Co. spoke on "How Wine Flavors Food". We had a wine tasting hour before the meeting, wine with the luncheon, and the meal was cooked with wine! We hope Mr. De Santis will always remember "how he made 125 women happy—all in one afternoon."

My year as President of the Auxiliary was most enjoyable.

Cordially yours,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MAY 16

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY, MAY 16 - 20, NEW YORK CITY

M.M.S. ANNUAL MEETING, BOSTON, MAY 22, 23, and 24

"DAY IN HEMATOLOGY", MAY 24, SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS, JUNE 22 - 26,
NEW YORK CITY

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, JUNE 24 - 25, NEW YORK CITY

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, JUNE 26 - 30, NEW YORK CITY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, OCTOBER 2 - 5, CHICAGO, ILL.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 20 - 22, BAL HARBOUR, FLA.

CORRESPONDENCE

As One Man Sees It

Dear Hippocrat:

My thesis is this. The independent practice of medicine, as we know it today, is doomed. Some form of socialized medicine will have taken over well before the younger and middle generations of present day physicians have hung up their stethoscopes. It is likely that wages paid by the Federal Government will be on a salary basis rather than fee per service. Given this reasoning, therefore, most of us will some day practise as salaried employees of Uncle Sam—and probably within 10 - 20 years.

Is there any solid basis for such thinking? I think there is. First, there is the drift toward a more socialistic, planned economy, both here and abroad. As the New Frontier goes rolling along, little chips of independence are whittled off each day. Second, there is the precedent of salary type payment in socialized medicine schemes abroad and in those services run here by the federal government - e.g. Veteran's Administration, Armed Forces, Public Health, etc.

Our country has shown a steady drift towards a more planned economy since the first administration of Roosevelt. In particular, social security has become more and more all encompassing. Some sort of legislation providing for government sponsored care for the aged seems inevitable in this or the next session of Congress. Who is there who feels that this is the end of the cycle? No one who has followed the course of legislation in this field would hesitate to say that this is but a step on the way to more and more government medical care.

Name the country in which social-

ized medicine is the system - and you have named a country where doctors work for a salary. It is usually not a magnificent salary. Look at the record of the pay scheme for doctors now working for our government. There is no fee per service schedule except where the government still fails to exercise complete control over the doctor, such as in medicare.

So the drift towards socialized medicine in which fee per service is doomed seems obvious. What are we to do?

Can we prevent this change? I answer no, absolutely no. Were we to halve our fees, behave with the wisdom of Solomon and hire the best public relations man available, we would still be powerless to stop the inevitable.

The answer, to this observer at least, has been difficult to deduce. Should one learn accounting on the side or buy a store or open a ski resort? This sort of approach might leave one with a reasonable alternative to becoming a government lackey when the day arrives. But very few of us would get much pleasure from becoming store keepers or income tax preparers. No, we shall probably continue to be doctors.

The other thing that sounds sensible to me is to play squirrel. Collect as many nuts as you can, store them as safely as you know how and be prepared to handle the lean days ahead with what you have put aside. Never mind the Cadillac or the new speed boat or the frequent vacations. Get into the stock market, buy bonds, put the money in the bank - do anything to save - because, for sure, our take-home pay will be much, much less come 1966 or 1971 or 1975.

Richard J. Maher, M.D.

NEW HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE REPORT

(April 25, 1961)

Since authorized by the Society at the last regular meeting, your New Headquarters Committee has been active so that the premises may be ready on or after May 1st. The masonry and electrical work are complete except for final installation of fixtures. The painting is under way and the flooring will follow immediately.

It is our intention to purchase only a minimum of furnishings so that the new secretary may have a voice in the matter. Through a prominent local insurance company, we have been able to secure some used furnishings including a typewriter, typewriter chair, a grey metal desk, two side chairs, and a grey metal file cabinet at a rate which should not be considered an index of the financial astuteness of the seller - \$62.00.

Since the latest meeting of the Society, its Executive Committee decided to make some changes in the original plans in order to increase the area involved so that there will be room for future expansion. This is being done at some extra cost, although I am confident that the overall assessments to the member will not exceed those given in my previous estimate.

The members are invited to view the premises at any time. It is easiest to go in the old hospital entrance, 1414, turn left in the hall, and go through the swinging doors to our section in an unfinished portion of the new hospital.

Howard B. Brown, M. D.,
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MEMORIAL TO DR. CHAPIN

The late Dr. William A. R. Chapin will always be remembered as the prime mover in the founding of The Hampden Hippocrat, the official Bulletin of The Hampden District Medical Society.

In commemoration of this and many other noble services to medicine and the Hippocrat, its Board of Editors, at its April 28 meeting, voted to contribute \$500 to the W. A. R. Chapin Memorial Fund. All contributions to this fund will go towards furnishing the Springfield Municipal Hospital's Auditorium, which henceforth will bear Dr. Chapin's name.

All persons wishing to contribute to this fund may do so by sending checks payable to the Springfield Municipal Hospital Memorial Fund, c/o the Valley Bank and Trust Company, 1351 Main Street, Springfield, Mass., Attention of Mr. Hofman.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee will appear in the June issue of the Hippocrat.

The National Association of Blue Shield Plans has gone on record as supporting the American Medical Association in its endorsement of the Kerr-Mills Medical Aid for the Aged Law passed by Congress in 1960. This action by representatives of the nationwide Blue Shield Plans was taken at their 1961 annual business meeting held April 16-18, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

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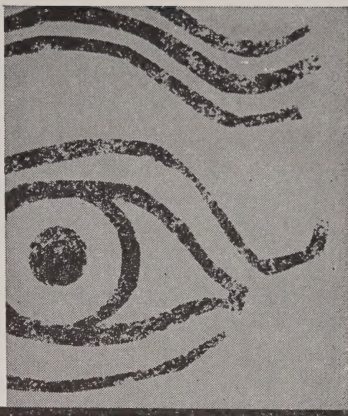
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SOCIALIZED MEDICINE PANEL

In February of this year, I was asked to represent the District Society at a Panel Discussion of Socialized Medicine, which was held at AIC in Springfield. My antagonist, to call a spade a spade, was Mr. Al Nash of New York, a veteran of some years in the United Auto Workers' Union in Detroit, and now organizing a union of social workers and psychologists in New York City hospitals. Mr. Nash proved to be a very fluent and able speaker, who presented very impressively the standard arguments of those who would socialize medicine in this country. He decried the doctor shortage, the interne shortage, the cost of illness, the doctors who raise their fees automatically when insurance coverage is present, and the fact that no one in this country over 65 years of age can afford to pay for medical care. Point by point, we went over these matters, and while some of his charges had some substance, it was not too difficult to rebut his major premises. The meeting was then thrown open for questions. It was a most stimulating session that followed, with perhaps seventy-five students and instructors plying us with questions until the dinner hour finally forced a halt to the meeting.

I think I may say that the great majority of the audience agreed with our position in these important matters, but I am sure that as college students striving to educate themselves to be the leaders of tomorrow, they were naturally inclined to be sympathetic to the cause of private enterprise and initiative. I tried to impress upon them that whatever you buy in life is worth what you pay for it—and if it is free it usually isn't worth much,

whether it is medical care, legal advice or stock-market tips.

I cannot stress too strongly that we should never let an opportunity of this sort escape, where we can tell our side of the story to the public, and convince them that they, even more than the doctors, have a great deal at stake in the system of medical care that they will utilize in the coming years.

John A. Burke, M.D.
Representative, H.D.M.S.

A DAY IN HEMATOLOGY

Dr. Allyn B. Ley, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College, will be the featured guest speaker at an all day program in Hematology on Wednesday, May 24, 1961, at the Springfield Hospital.

The program will be under the joint sponsorship of the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, and will include the following:

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2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Presentation of 5 hematologic problems.

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C. Stuart Welch, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Albany Medical College, will act as Surgeon in Chief Pro Tem at the Springfield Hospital on May 18, 19, 20, 1961, as part of the Albany Regional Hospital Program.

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MEDICO-RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

Annual Report 1961

The newly-created Medico-Religious Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society, appointed during the past year by Dr. Palermo, for the purpose of strengthening the inevitable bond that exists between the members of the clergy and the medical profession, has carried out the following:

(1) An organizational meeting has been held to delineate the purpose, methods and objectives of this committee.

(2) At the request of the Hospital Committee of the Springfield Council of Churches, a joint meeting was held to discuss the possibility of establishing an annual "Doctor-Clergy Banquet" to be held for the first time this fall and at which banquet noted speakers of both the clergy and medical profession would be invited to address the gathering. The possibility of honoring a "Beloved Physician of the Year" - previously selected by vote of the Medical Society - was also discussed.

(3) The proposed plan for such an annual banquet was presented to

the Executive Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society, and approval was obtained to proceed with plans for such an annual banquet after first canvassing the Society individually to determine the interest in such an undertaking. The advisability of designating a "Beloved Physician of the Year" was questioned and again it was felt that the members of the Society should be polled to determine their wishes.

Ballots will be sent out soon to all members of this District Society to determine the extent of enthusiasm for both of these proposals before definite plans are made.

Respectfully submitted,
Leroy J. Kendrew, M. D.,
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